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Context Clues: Using All Types

**Review** A **context clue** is the words or phrases surrounding a difficult or unfamiliar word. The context clue and the new word are related in such a way that the clue words help readers figure out the new word’s meaning. Context clues can provide **definition, restatement, comparison, contrast, causes and/or effects, or examples**. Various signal words and punctuation marks can alert you to the presence of context clues.

**Directions:** First, **read** the boxed paragraph. Then **fill in** the chart for each underlined word.

Like a pioneer carving out a trail in his own unique style, the African American artist Romare Bearden (1911-1988) was one of the great innovators in American art. Bearden is particularly admired for his mastery of collage, a form in which small objects are pasted together on a surface to achieve symbolic or suggestive effects. Jazz had a strong impact on Bearden’s work; for example, the intervals and rhythms of this musical form can be seen and experienced in his art. Bearden’s themes have proved to be universal—appealing to people from many different backgrounds and cultures.

Word	Signal	Type of Clue	Meaning
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